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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS TO HOLD PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Representatives of Greater Lafayette law enforcement agencies will present updated information on local crime and gang activity on Wednesday evening, August 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Faith Community Center Multi-Purpose Room, located at 5572 Mercy Way, (just off State Road 26 East) in Lafayette. This is a free, family-friendly community-wide meeting that will provide neighborhood groups and individuals with valuable information on gang awareness, drug awareness, and crime prevention. Time will be provided for questions and answers.

The evening's guest speakers are:

- Pat Harrington - Tippecanoe County Prosecutor
- Kathryn Redd - Project Safe Neighborhoods/Anti-Gang Initiative Coordinator
- Rob Rush - Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Deputy
- Dave Payne - Deputy Chief, City of Lafayette Police
- Dave VanVactor - Sergeant, West Lafayette Police

Currently, there are 28 known gangs functioning within Tippecanoe County, including Aryan Brotherhood, Bloods, Gangster Disciples, Hell's Angels, Latin Disciples, Norteños, and Vice Lords. To address the growing concern over gang activity, the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor's Office works to coordinate information on gang activity as well as operating an anonymous tip hotline.

The two hour community informational event is sponsored by the Faith Community Center as a public service.

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